

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of December 19, 2007 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

#### ***Regarding Amendment***

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to specify that the cradle has a cradle authentication device storing printing performance information of the cradle and authentication information, which is connected to the integrated circuit assembly and that the cradle authentication device authenticates the inkjet cartridge from the stored printing performance and authentication information of the cartridge authentication device and the integrated circuit assembly authenticates the authentication performed by the cradle authentication device. Support for this amendment can be found at page 17, line 15-page 18, line 6 of the present specification; and

dependent claims 2-5 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not add any new matter to the present application.

#### ***Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections***

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-5 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by any one or more of previously cited Cook, Drake and Silverbrook, because none of these cited references teach or suggest a cradle authentication device which authenticates a cartridge authentication device where this authentication is further authenticated by an integrated circuit assembly of the cradle, thereby adding an extra level of security, as is required by the claimed invention.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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